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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

WILLIAM MUTILANGI ET AL.

Application No.: 09/458,677

Filed: December 10, 1999

For: USE OF METAL SALTS TO
IMPROVE THE TASTE OF LOW-
CALORIE BEVERAGES
SWEETENED WITH SUCRALOSE:

Examiner: Arthur L. Corbin

Group Art Unit: 1761

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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

Sir:

Applicants petition the Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated August 13, 2003, for three months from November 13, 2003 to February 13, 2004 .

Submitted herewith is a check for \$950.00 to cover the fee for the extension under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17. Any deficiency in or overpayment of this fee should be charged or credited to Deposit Account No. 06-1205. A duplicate copy of this petition is enclosed.

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